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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/002,763
	Filing Date	Nov. 27, 2001
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	Art Unit	3671
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

- ii. ☒ Other Arguments from previous OA responses

- b. ☒ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. ☐ Other _____

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Sir:

Attached is the response to the final office action sent 08/17/04 and a Request for Continued Examination regarding the above patent application. The applicant is submitting the following:

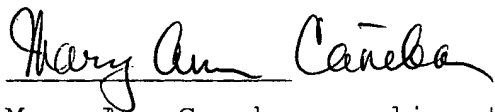
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 - A. All Relevant Previously Submitted Remarks and Arguments and Exhibits
 - B. Enclosed:
 - a. Claim Amendments to Accompany RCE - 14 pp.
 - b. Remarks and Arguments to Accompany RCE - 20 pp. including Part III: Request for Reconsideration and Modification or Withdrawal of Restriction and Attachment A - photocopy of a page from a book
3. RCE Fee of \$385.00 - check # 4589

No additional fee is required because the number of claims is already drastically reduced from previously pre-paid claim amendments. In addition, 11 (eleven) of the claims are in withdrawn status.

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